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SUBJ: NORDICS DISCUSS ILO CONFERENCE

1. NORDIC LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MET IN STOCKHOLM ON JUNE 20 TO COMPARE NOTES ON NEXT MONTH'S ILO CONFERENCE AND WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AND TO COORDINATE POSITIONS ON VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS AND PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE. THIS IS REGULAR EXERCISE WHICH OCCURS EVERY YEAR PRIOR TO ILO MEETING. BERT ISAKSON, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT SWEDISH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, GAVE LABOR ATTACHE GENERAL ACCOUNT OF MEETING ON FOLLOWING DAY.

2. THERE WAS, OF COURSE, CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF ILO CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY US NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW. IT WAS VIRTUALLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED, ISAKSON SAID, THAT NORDICS WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT US AIMS AND AVOID SITUATIONS THAT COULD FORCE US TO LEAVE. AT SAME TIME, THERE WAS THICK ATMOSPHERE OF PESSIMISM REGARDING EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF US ACTION. DANES AND NORWEGIANS REPORTED ON VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN AND DESCRIBED HIS APPROACH AS TOUGH AND UNYIELDING. THIS REINFORCED IMPRESSION THAT US HAS FORECLOSED ANY POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE AND WILL BE COMPELLED FINALLY TO PULL OUT BECAUSE ODDS ARE HEAVILY AGAINST FULL SATISFACTION

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OF ALL ITS OBJECTIVES.

3. ONLY OTHER DECISION OF NOTE MENTIONED BY ISAKSON WAS THAT
NORDICS WOULD PUSH TO PROLONG MANDATE OF WORKING PARTY ON
STRUCTURE FOR ONE MORE YEAR. SMITH

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